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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE
AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE

(August 7, 1997)

The Postal Service has filed one motion for extension of time and two motions for late acceptance of interrogatory responses.¹ The Motion for Extension of Time requests a two-day extension, until August 1, 1997, to file the library reference associated with the response to OCA/USPS-T13-37. The Motion for Extension of Time indicates that the OCA does not oppose the request and Library Reference H-217 was filed August 1, 1997.

The July 31, 1997 Motion for Late Acceptance requests the acceptance of the response to OCA/USPS-1 one day late. The one day delay should not prejudice any party and I will grant the Postal Service request.

The August 1, 1997 Motion for Late Acceptance requests the late acceptance of responses from witnesses Fronk and Hatfield to interrogatories filed by Douglas Carlson. The Postal Service forwarded the responses to Mr. Carlson via Express Mail

¹ Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Bradley (OCA/USPS-T13-29(a) and (c)4 and 37 (b)(iii)-(b)(x)) and Motion for Extension of Time, filed July 30, 1997; Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-1), filed July 31, 1997; and Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatory Responses, filed August 1, 1997.

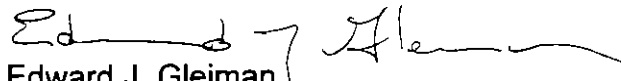
to minimize the inconvenience caused by the two day delay. As no party appears prejudiced by this delay I will grant the Postal Service Motion.

RULING

1. The Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Bradley (OCA/USPS-T13-29(a) and (c)4 and 37 (b)(iii)-(b)(x)) and Motion for Extension of Time, filed July 30, 1997, is granted.

2. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-1), filed July 31, 1997, is granted.

3. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatory Responses, filed August 1, 1997, is granted.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer